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John Layman Farmhouse

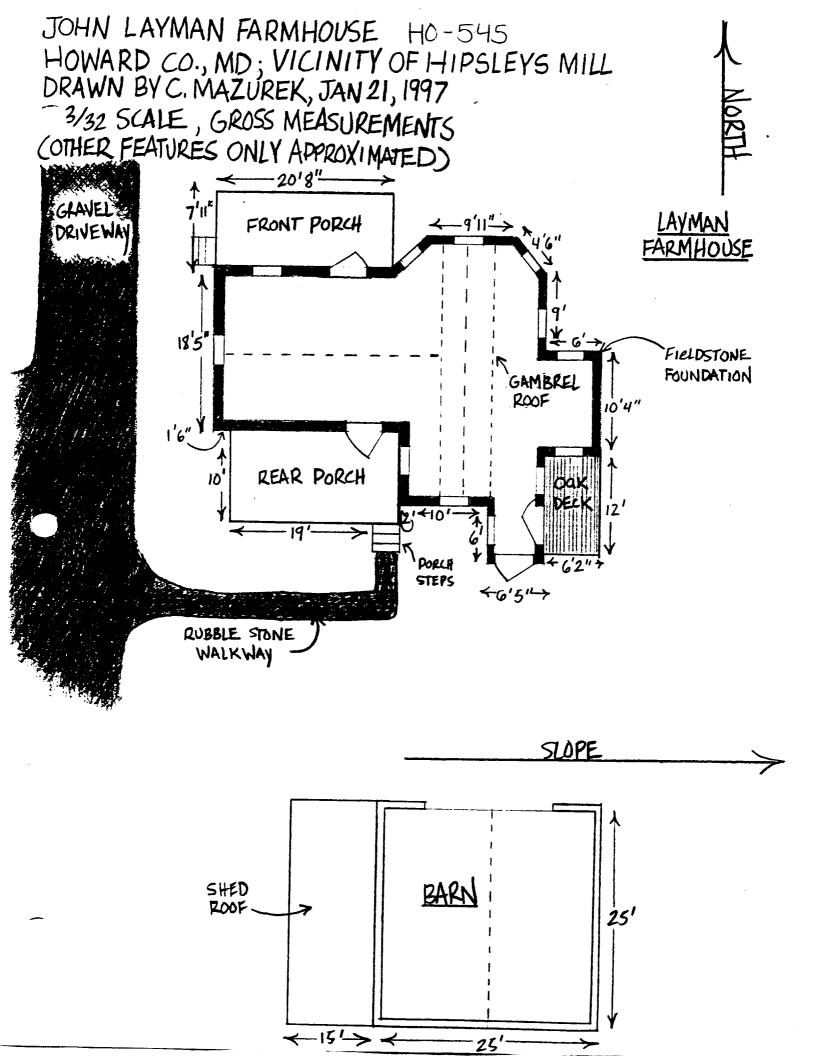
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The John Layman farmhouse has been undertaken by Stephen Benedik as a curatorship. This situation has dramatically improved the condition of the farmhouse, as it is being restored to an original condition after years of neglect and vandalism. The windows, which vandals had destroyed, were repaired or replaced. The kitchen gained a second entry off of the first floor central hallway. An oak deck was built on the east side of the farmhouse. The original interior door surrounds, which had previously been stolen or destroyed, were replaced with authentic reproduction bullseye corner blocks. This farmhouse, like others in the Patuxent area, is of frame construction on a stone foundation. A water tower which had previously been located on the property was blown down in a windstorm and destroyed.





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ADDENDA

In 1984 the Department of Natural Resources contracted with Joe Getty to conduct a follow-up survey of selected historic properties on DNR lands. DNR funded the field survey and photography but did not prepare finished copy. The attached photocopy pages were forwarded to the Maryland Historical Trust to supplement existing files.

All original material and photographs remain in the possession of the Department of Natural Resources under the supervision of Ross Kimmel (x3771).

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ADDENDUM TO AUGUST 1979 SURVEY FORM

John Layman, a carpenter and farmer who lived in this area of Howard County. The farmhouse uses a representative early twentieth century style and plan, with its two-story height and T-shaped plan with a projecting bay window. It contains ornamentation of the period with a gambrel roof over the projecting bay, a shingled gambrel end, and sawn-wood ornamentation under the gambrel. The unique feature of this house was its interior woodwork which been removed. The 1979 survey form describes the mantel pieces and interior woodwork, including wainscoatting in the north room. John Layman's carpentry skills were responsible for the construction of the house, and thus the house typifies a middle class farmhouse of the early twentieth century in which the owner played a personal role in its construction.

Outbuildings On the Property:

Water Tower. Immediately behind the house (on the east side) is a two-story square water tower. It is a frame structure covered in weatherboard. It has a hipped roof and a single doorway on the west side. The walls taper up at a slight angle to the roof line. The structure appears to have contained a cistern to provide a gravity feed water system for the farmhouse. (See U.S. Department of Agriculture Farmers Bulletin No. 1448, Issued August, 1925 entitled "Armstead Water Supply" for description of cisterns and gravity-fed systems)

tools.

Shed. A frame shed is located south of the water tower and has a gable roof covered in sheet metal. The shed is a rectangular structure that has a gable front with a single entrance. It is a frame structure on stone piers that is covered in German siding. On the east side is a shed addition constructed of frame with a vertical siding. A smaller shed addition was also attached on the east side of the earlier shed. These sheds were used as a woodshed and for storage of

Frame Barn. A vertical siding has been removed from a small frame barn that stood southeast of the shed. The exposed framing shows an unclaborate early twentieth century structure with a gable roof. On its south side was a shed addition that served as a livestock pen.

Significance-Summary Paragraph: The John Layman House illustrates the early twentieth century farmhouse built by its owner. The interior woodwork of the structure is quite elaborate for a modest farm dwelling. The house was built about 1908 by John Layman for his daughter Martha and son-in-law Ramus Green. The structure uses a popular main facade arrangement with a projecting bay with ornamentation. It thus gives the main facade an L-shaped arrangement although the floor plan is actually T-shaped. Early twentieth century ornamental details include a gambrel roof on the projecting bay, use of ornamental shingles, sawn-wood ornamentation below the gambrel roof, molded cornice, and plain window frames. The interior was more elaborate than normally found in a house of this size. It included a

north room with wainscot paneling. The structure has been severely vandalized and the interior woodwork stripped out from the house.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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The John Layman house, located on the east side of Hipsley Mill Road, is a two-story frame farmhouse set on a stone foundation. Its plan consists of two intersecting blocks in a "T" configuration distinguished by the triple sided bay system on the asymmetrical east facade which contains the main entrance.

This tripartite bay is gambrel-roofed on the west facade and divides this 5-bay facade into two unequal parts so that the resultant progression from left to right is on the first story level; window, window, window (all with one/one sash) within the projection, thence to the door which is topped with plain transom and flanked by another one-over-one window. The door and southwest window are sheltered by a one-story high, shed roofed porch supported by three Tuscan columns and approached by a short flight of steps.

In corresponding positions in the second story level are: three windows (same one/one sash) in the projection and two windows (with 2/2 sash) located directly above the first floor entrance and southwest window. A small window on axis with the central bay of the projection is located in the pediment of the gable of the gambrel roofed portion; this pediment area is sheathed in imbrecated or beveled shingles. The remainder of this frame structure, once simply clapboarded, has since been covered with neutral gray asbestos shingling. The cornice is characterized by a plain fasciaed frieze which wraps around the building continuously just below the moderately overhanging eaves.

The south elevation of the house is articulated in the following fashion: a kitchen door topped by a transom is flanked to its right by a 2/2 sashed window; the main block protrudes at this point (the right side of the window surround) and on each side of the projecting block are one/one sashed, more narrowly proportioned windows which illuminate the parlor. On the second story level, these window openings are repeated.

The south elevation is divisible into two parts: the southwest gable end of the main block is pierced upstairs and down by single 1/1 windows. The southeast corner of the house is fleshed out by the addition of a one-story porch, subsequently screened in. This porch houses a back door entrance to the kitchen, located at the southeast corner of the gambrel roofed block.

The interior space (see attached plan) is organized axially around a central hall, entered via the front porch and centered doorway. To the left facing the stair is the door to the parlor. On the opposite side is a living room or study. Both rooms feature fireplaces but the parlor version is the more elaborately detailed with a wooden, carved Victorian surround. Additionally, the parlor features mahogany wainsoating to the level of the chair rail. Door surrounds throughout the house consist of bullseye corner blocks hinged into straight sections of plain molding.

Upstairs the master bedroom with bath and adjacent dressing room or auxiliary chamber is located above the parlor. There are two smaller bedrooms on the second floor.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed circa 1908 by John Layman for his daughter and son-in-law, Remus Green, the farm remained in the Layman/Green family until 1969 when Layman's granddaughter, Martha Lemmon, deeded the property to the State of Maryland for inclusion in Patuxent River State Park.

John Layman was a carpenter by trade and farmer by necessity. His carpentry skills are evident by the mantels in both parlors, the center staircase and the interior door and window surrounds. All reflect a fine degree of wood craftsmanship for such a modest rural dwelling. The surrounding 70-acre farm produced a variety of crops--corn, wheat, barky, etc.

The John Layman house typifies the early twentieth century clapboarded farmhouses that were being built throughout the Patuxent River area, featuring a tripartite projecting bay which constitutes one end of an interlocking "T" plan. Although combined with a gambrel roof here, this architectural variant appears with pedimented gable roofs (complete with returns as in another privately owned example on Jennings Chapel Road) or combined with a pent as in the Ridgely Bowman House also owned by DNR and located on Hipsley Mill Road, Patuxent River State Park.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Several of the buildings in Patuxent River State Park are farmhouses, most on a modest scale, a couple larger and offering possibilities for a larger than one family dwelling.

The Martha Lemmon complex is one of the former including a barn-garage and water tower/shed behind the farmhouse remaining intact, and with relatively minor repairs to the plumbing and electrical systems could be rehabitable almost immediately. The interior characteristically decorated with bullseye corner blocks and molded trim with wainscoated parlor is in good shape as well and could provide a comfortable setting for immediate occupation.

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Interview with Martha Lemmon, July 1979, by Bridget Deale.

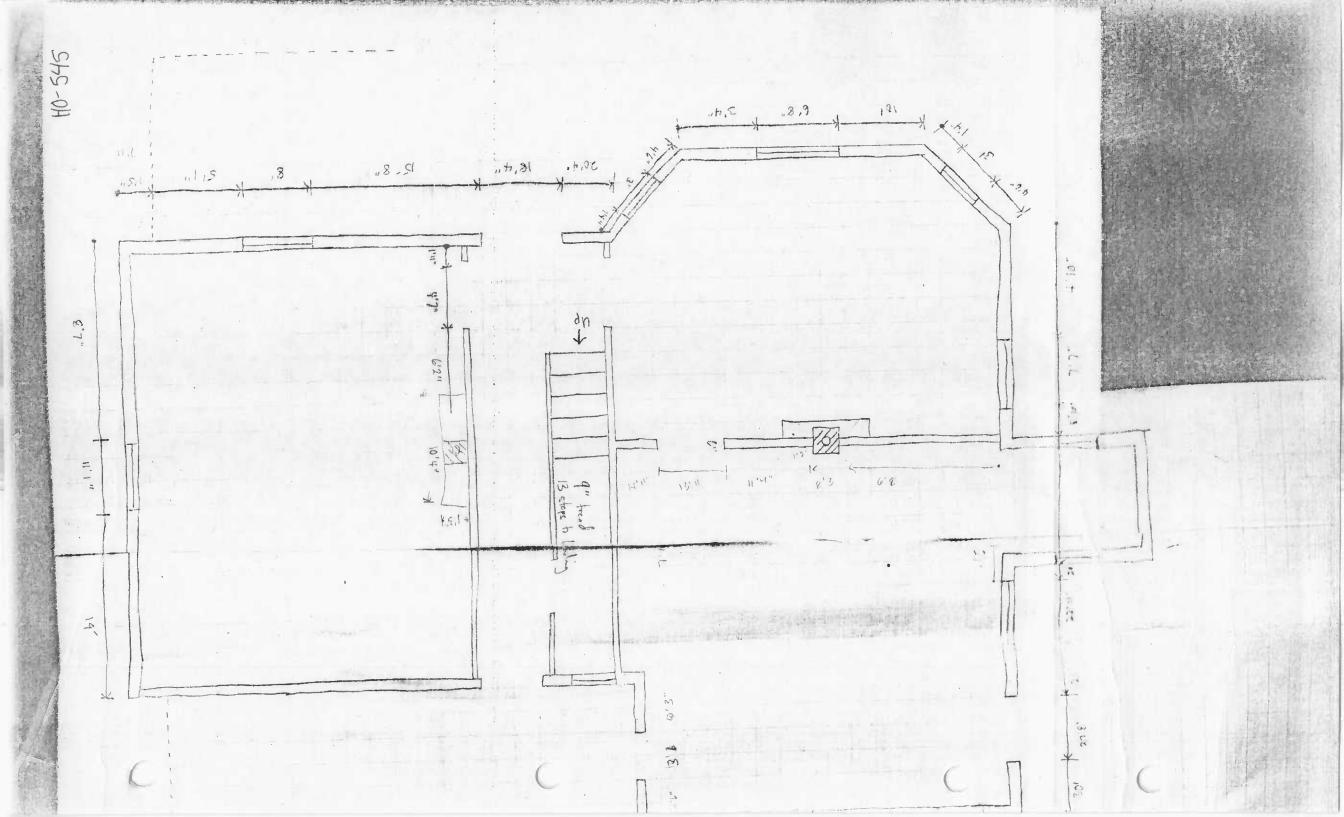
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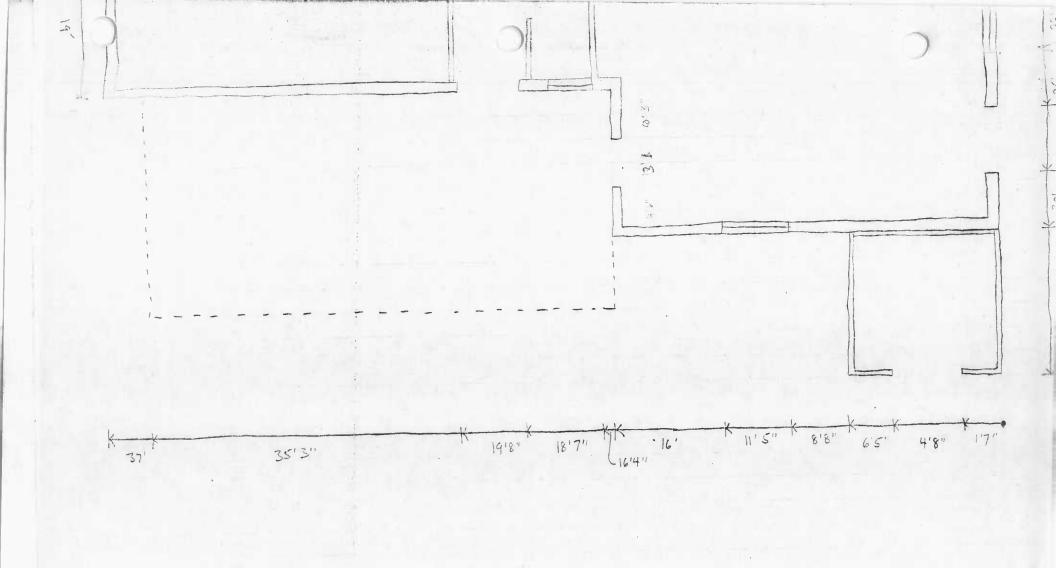
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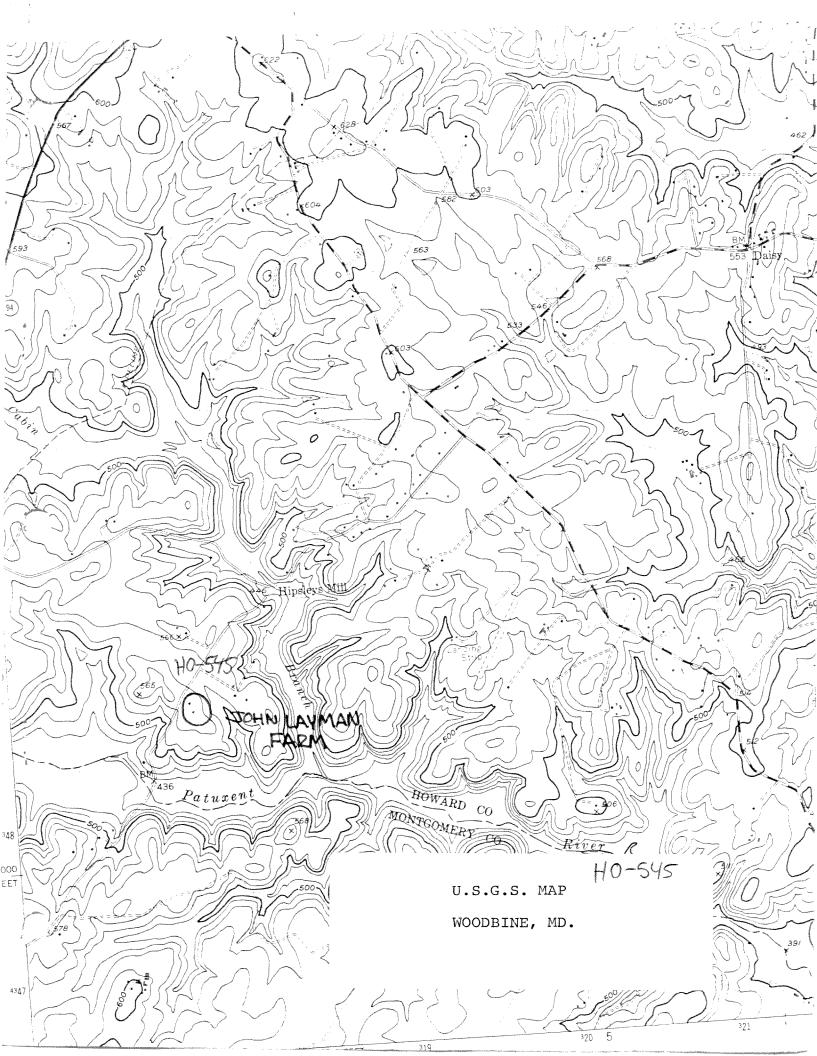


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John Layman Farmhouse Hipsley Mill Road, Patuxent River State Park

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John Layman Farmhouse Hipsley Mill Rd., Patuxent River State Park

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John Layman Farmhouse Hipsley Mill Road, Patuxent River State Park

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